

**Senate Study Bill 3007 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
WORKFORCE BILL BY CHAIRPERSON  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act authorizing schools to offer an elective junior fire  
2 fighter program to students enrolled in grades eleven and  
3 twelve.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 100B.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. r. (1) Allow a student who has successfully  
4 completed the elective junior fire fighter program described  
5 in section 280.37, submitted all necessary certification  
6 registration and local verification forms, and paid all  
7 applicable registration fees to sit for certification testing for  
8 firefighter I certification.

9 (2) If a student attains passing scores on all examinations  
10 necessary for firefighter I certification prior to the date the  
11 student becomes eighteen years of age, then the administrator  
12 shall not issue firefighter I certification to the student until  
13 the student becomes eighteen years of age.

14 Sec. 2. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
15 by adding the following new paragraph:

16 NEW PARAGRAPH. ow. Be subject to and comply with the  
17 requirements of section 280.37 relating to offering an elective  
18 junior fire fighter program to students enrolled in grades eleven  
19 and twelve in the same manner as a school district.

20 Sec. 3. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
21 by adding the following new paragraph:

22 NEW PARAGRAPH. v. Be subject to and comply with the  
23 requirements of section 280.37 relating to offering an elective  
24 junior fire fighter program to students enrolled in grades eleven  
25 and twelve in the same manner as a school district.

26 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **280.37 Junior fire fighter program.**

27 1. The board of directors of each school district and the  
28 authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school may  
29 offer to students enrolled in grades eleven and twelve an  
30 elective junior fire fighter program, either by establishing the  
31 program and using the curriculum of a national organization that  
32 provides a similar program or by partnering with a local fire  
33 department, that meets all of the following requirements:

34 a. Is designed to prepare such students to sit for  
35 certification testing from the fire service training bureau for

1 firefighter I certification.

2 b. Allows students to learn more about the work performed by  
3 fire fighters and other emergency services providers in a safe  
4 and controlled environment.

5 c. Provides students with valuable life skills, including  
6 teamwork, leadership, responsibility, and commitment.

7 d. Fosters relationships between students and fire fighters  
8 and other emergency services providers.

9 e. Promotes student participation in the fire services and  
10 other emergency services fields after graduation.

11 2. If the board of directors of a school district or the  
12 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school offer  
13 the elective junior fire fighter program, then the board of  
14 directors of the school district or the authorities in charge of  
15 the accredited nonpublic school shall coordinate with the fire  
16 service training bureau and a local fire department to ensure  
17 students are provided with the appropriate materials and skills  
18 training to successfully complete all components necessary for  
19 firefighter I certification, including the written certification  
20 examination and the practical certification examination.

21 3. The board of directors of each school district and  
22 the authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school  
23 may offer the elective junior fire fighter program as an  
24 extracurricular activity or as part of the career and technical  
25 education curriculum under section 256.11, subsection 5,  
26 paragraph "h", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (e).

27 4. To participate in the elective junior fire fighter  
28 program, the student must submit to the school district or  
29 accredited nonpublic school a waiver of liability on a form  
30 provided by the school district or accredited nonpublic school  
31 that has been executed by the student's parent or guardian, if  
32 the student is a minor, or by the student, if the student is not  
33 a minor or is an emancipated minor.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1                   the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2       This bill authorizes school districts, accredited nonpublic  
3 schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to offer  
4 to students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 an elective junior  
5 fire fighter program, either by establishing the program and  
6 using the curriculum of a national organization that provides a  
7 similar program or by partnering with a local fire department,  
8 that satisfies requirements established in the bill. If a school  
9 offers the junior fire fighter program, the school is required to  
10 coordinate with the fire service training bureau and a local fire  
11 department to ensure students are provided with the appropriate  
12 materials and skills training to successfully complete all  
13 components necessary for firefighter I certification. The  
14 junior fire fighter program may be offered as an extracurricular  
15 activity or as part of the career and technical education  
16 curriculum. The bill requires a student to submit an executed  
17 waiver of liability to the school prior to participation in the  
18 junior fire fighter program.

19       The bill requires the administrator of the fire service  
20 training bureau to allow a student who has successfully completed  
21 the junior fire fighter program, submitted all necessary  
22 certification registration and local verification forms, and  
23 paid all applicable registration fees to sit for certification  
24 testing for firefighter I certification. If a student attains  
25 passing scores on all examinations necessary for firefighter  
26 I certification prior to the date the student turns 18 years  
27 of age, then the administrator is prohibited from issuing  
28 firefighter I certification to the student until the student  
29 turns 18 years of age.